

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are requested. Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 9-22 were pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant has cancelled claims 10, 11, 19, and 21. Thus, claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 12-18, 20 and 22 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter within Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 12-18, 20, and 22.

Rejections

Claims 10, 11, 19, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,503,175 to Cumming. Claims 10, 11, 19, and 21 have been cancelled rendering these rejections moot.

Conclusion

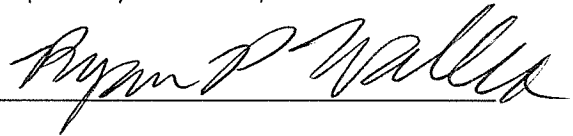
In view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance and should now be passed to issue.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and to credit any overpayments that may be required by this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

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